United States Patent and Trademark Office

4

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE

7590

12/26/2007

Robert L Stearns
Dickinson Wright
38525 Woodward Avenue
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-2970

EXAMINER

ZIMMERMAN, JOHN J

ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

1794

DATE MAILED: 12/26/2007

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/568,109	02/13/2006	Adam Achim	710100-021	5475 .

TITLE OF INVENTION: LAYERED COMPOSITE METERIAL FOR PLAIN BEARINGS, PRODUCTION AND USE THEREOF

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1440	\$300	\$0	\$1740	03/26/2008

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE DOES NOT REFLECT A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE IN THIS APPLICATION. IF AN ISSUE FEE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PAID IN THIS APPLICATION (AS SHOWN ABOVE), THE RETURN OF PART B OF THIS FORM WILL BE CONSIDERED A REQUEST TO REAPPLY THE PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE TOWARD THE ISSUE FEE NOW DUE.

HOW TO REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

I. Review the SMALL ENTITY status shown above.

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as YES, verify your current SMALL ENTITY status:

- A. If the status is the same, pay the TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above.
- B. If the status above is to be removed, check box 5b on Part B Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and twice the amount of the ISSUE FEE shown above, or

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as NO:

- A. Pay TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above, or
- B. If applicant claimed SMALL ENTITY status before, or is now claiming SMALL ENTITY status, check box 5a on Part B Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and 1/2 the ISSUE FEE shown above.
- II. PART B FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL, or its equivalent, must be completed and returned to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with your ISSUE FEE and PUBLICATION FEE (if required). If you are charging the fee(s) to your deposit account, section "4b" of Part B Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and an extra copy of the form should be submitted. If an equivalent of Part B is filed, a request to reapply a previously paid issue fee must be clearly made, and delays in processing may occur due to the difficulty in recognizing the paper as an equivalent of Part B.
- III. All communications regarding this application must give the application number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Mail Stop ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Utility patents issuing on applications filed on or after Dec. 12, 1980 may require payment of maintenance fees. It is patentee's responsibility to ensure timely payment of maintenance fees when due.

PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL

Complete and send this form, together with applicable fee(s), to: Mail Mail Stop ISSUE FEE
Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

or Fax (571)-273-2885

INSTRUCTIONS: This form should be used for transmitting the ISSUE FEE and PUBLICATION FEE (if required). Blocks 1 through 5 should be completed where

appropriate. All further indicated unless correcte maintenance fee notifica	correspondence includired below or directed off tions.	ng the Patent, advance of nerwise in Block 1, by (a	rders and notification of rails) specifying a new corres	naintenance fees waspondence address;	vill be mailed to the c and/or (b) indicating	urrent c a separa	orrespondence address as ite "FEE ADDRESS" for
		ock 1 for any change of address)	Fee pap	(s) Transmittal. Thi ers. Each additiona	s certificate cannot be I paper, such as an ass	used for	any other accompanying
	7590 12/26	/2007	na v		-		ission
Robert L Steam Dickinson Wrigh 38525 Woodwar	Note: A certificate of mailing can only be used for domestic malings of the companying papers. Each additional paper, such as an assignment or formal drawing, must have its own certificate of mailing or transmission. Steams						
Bloomfield Hills	s, MI 48304-2970						(Depositor's name)
							(Signature)
						-	(Date)
APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE		FIRST NAMED INVENTOR		ATTORNEY DOCKET	NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/568,109	02/13/2006		Adam Achim		710100-021	-	5475
APPLN. TYPE			T			DIE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	·		J	L	`	<u> </u>	
			1	, v]	\$1740		03/26/2008
			L	J			
CFR 1.363). Change of corresp Address form PTO/SE "Fee Address" indi PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-0 Number is required.	ondence address (or Cha 3/122) attached. ication (or "Fee Address' 2 or more recent) attach	nge of Correspondence Indication form and Use of a Customer	(1) the names of up to or agents OR, alternative (2) the name of a single registered attorney or a 2 registered patent atto listed, no name will be	3 registered paten vely, e firm (having as a agent) and the nam meys or agents. If a printed.	member a 2		
				•	ee is identified below,	the doc	ument has been filed for
(A) NAME OF ASSIC		oletion of this form is NO		-			
. ,					ŕ		_
Please check the appropri	ate assignee category or	categories (will not be pr	inted on the patent):	Individual U Co	rporation or other priva	ate grou	entity Government
	o small entity discount p	permitted)	A check is enclosed. Payment by credit car The Director is hereby	d. Form PTO-2038	is attached.	any defic	ciency, or credit any
			h Applicant is no lone	ger claiming SMAI	I ENTITY status Son	37 CEB	1.27(*)(2)
NOTE: The Issue Fee and	Publication Fee (if requ	aired) will not be accepted	d from anyone other than the				
Authorized Signature				Date			
Typed or printed name	·						
This collection of information application. Confident submitting the completed his form and/or suggestion.	ation is required by 37 C iality is governed by 35 application form to the	FR 1.311. The informatic U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR USPTO. Time will vary den, should be sent to the	n is required to obtain or relation. 1.14. This collection is still depending upon the individual of the following chief Information Office.	ctain a benefit by the imated to take 12 n idual case. Any control I.S. Patent and	ne public which is to fill ninutes to complete, in- mments on the amount	le (and be	y the USPTO to process) gathering, preparing, and you require to complete

uns form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandra, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandra, Virginia 22313-1450.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO	
10/568,109	02/13/2006	Adam Achim	710100-021	5475	
. 7:	590 12/26/2007	EXAMINER			
Robert L Stearns			ZIMMERMAN, JOHN J		
Dickinson Wright		ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER		
38525 Woodward Bloomfield Hills, I			1794 DATE MAILED: 12/26/2007		

Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (http://pair.uspto.gov).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at 1-(888)-786-0101 or (571)-272-4200.